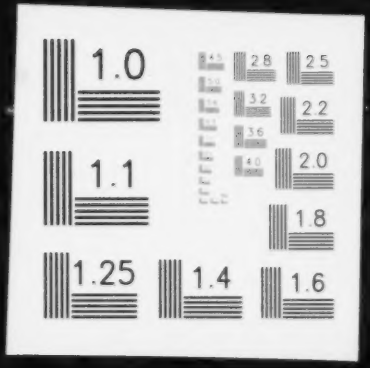
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Regina, SK S4P 2K5
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Program information is subject to change, contact agency(s) for most up to date program information

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COMMUNITY PASTURE PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration
Land Management Division Manager
Phone: (306) 780-5154

Program Description:
The two major objectives of the Community Pasture Program are: to make possible the removal of lands from unsuitable or unacceptable land use and to facilitate improved land use through their rehabilitation, conservation and management and to utilize the resource primarily for the summer grazing of cattle while assisting in stabilizing small farms and providing breeding bulls to encourage high quality, long-term cattle production.

Eligibility:
Small producers in need of grazing space; must be a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age, and considered to be actively engaged in managing and operating a farm and considered a bona fide farmer. Allocation of grazing space is based on a number of factors, the most important being the assessment of need.

Deadlines:
November 1

GREEN COVER CANADA

Agency and Contact:
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration
C/O Larry Lenton
1800 Hamilton Street
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 4L2
Email: lentonl@agr.gc.ca
Phone: (306) 780-5153

Program Description:
Provide technical and financial assistance to producers for the adoption of more sustainable land use and land management practices on environmentally sensitive lands.

Eligibility:
Conversion component – Owners of agricultural land that meet the eligibility requirements.
Critical areas component – Watershed conservation groups, land owners, and land managers.
Technical Transfer component – Producer groups, conservation organizations, federal and provincial departments conducting technology transfer activities.
Shelterbelt component – Land owners.

Funding:
Conversion component – per acre payment for establishment of perennial cover and signing of a land use agreement on eligible land.
Critical areas component – proposal based cost sharing for developments that enhance the management of riparian areas.
Technical Transfer component – proposal based funding to support extension events and publications.
Shelterbelt component – funding to support establishment of shelterbelts.

Obligations:
Required to sign an agreement and implement the agreed upon conservation practices prior to receiving funding.

Deadlines:
To be announced

Target Areas:
Agricultural land in Canada which meets program eligibility guidelines.

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RURAL WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RWDP)

Agency and Contact

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada-Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration
1800 Hamilton Street
Regina, SK
S4P 4L2
Phone: (306) 780-5070
Email: pfratree@em.agr.ca

Program Description:

The purpose of the Rural Water Development Program (RWDP) is to enhance the viability of Prairie agricultural areas by promoting and supporting sustainable development and protection of water resources. The RWDP is designed to: alleviate water-related constraints to the viability of rural agriculture; aid development, expansion and diversification of agricultural operations; enhance opportunities for rural agri-business and value-added enterprises; encourage the implementation of sustainable practices in the development and protection of water resources.

Eligibility:

Through the RWDP, PFRA partners with: rural residents including farmers and ranchers, agricultural and conservation groups, rural communities and rural municipalities; agri-businesses, rural enterprises, and other persons or groups that propose projects that will help meet the objectives of the Program.

Funding:

There are two categories of projects that are eligible for financial assistance under the RWDP:

Rural Water Infrastructure

> Projects such as dugouts, small dams, wells, pipelines, livestock watering systems, and tank-loading facilities may qualify for financial contributions of up to one-third (1/3) of eligible costs. Pumps and permanent power supplies are eligible costs, subject to a $5,000 deductible.

Strategic Initiatives

> Where the project involves the development of information and technologies and/or the dissemination of information (e.g. regional water studies, regional water management programs, applied research, information extension activities), financial contributions of up to seventy-five per cent (75%) of eligible costs may be provided.

Deadlines:

April 1, 2003

SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration
E-mail: pfratree@em.agr.ca
Phone: (306) 695-2284

Program Description:
PFRA's Shelterbelt Centre in Indian Head, Saskatchewan produces trees and shrubs which are distributed to farmers and Conservation Boards for planting trees on farms and in fields, for the creation of wildlife habitat and for agroforestry initiatives in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and in the Peace River region of British Columbia. The program promotes shelterbelt planting for soil conservation, snow management and crop stabilization.

Eligibility:
Eligible applicants are: bona fide farmers and producers; Federal and provincial government departments; municipal governments (villages, towns, cities); charitable organizations; Band Councils or individuals for planting trees on Indian Reserves. Private business, golf courses, resorts or individuals in urban centres are not eligible.

Funding:
Trees and shrubs are distributed free of charge. Seedlings are shipped to the closest Agricultural Representative or Agricultural Fieldman Office or Rural Service centre in the spring (usually late April to mid-May).

Obligations:
Applicants are responsible to cover transportation costs and to plant and maintain the shelterbelts.

Deadlines:
March 15, 2003

SHELTERBELT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada- Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration
Box 940, Indian Head, Saskatchewan, S0G 2K0
Phone: (306) 695-2284,
Fax: (306) 695-2568,
Email: pfratree@em.agr.ca

Program Description:

The Shelterbelt Enhancement Program (SEP) is a $4-million, five-year initiative designed to reduce greenhouse gases through increased shelterbelt plantings on agricultural lands across the Prairies. The program addresses establishment and maintenance issues through provision of plastic mulch and application equipment.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the Shelterbelt Enhancement Program, applicants must apply for, and receive, seedlings though the PFRA Shelterbelt Program. The following groups are eligible under SEP: bona fide producers of primary agriculture products; federal and provincial departments for conservation plantings, reclamation or research purposes; owners of rural holdings greater than 39 acres (15.8 ha). Rural holdings of 39 acres or less, commercial enterprises, golf courses, resort areas or private holdings in urban areas are NOT eligible. To be eligible for funding, projects must meet the following guidelines: planting sites must be prepared in advance, free of trash and large debris, to ensure trouble-free planting and mulch application; shelterbelts cannot be moved or transplanted, removed, sold or harvested for wood; tree and shrub species selected must be capable of sequestering carbon, and proven successful under local conditions. The following plantings are eligible under SEP: Field and roadside shelterbelts, and riparian buffer strips must be a minimum 800 meters in length, and composed of tree and/or shrub species that will succeed under local conditions; Farmyard shelterbelts must be established around farmyards, livestock facilities or other farm buildings; must be a minimum 800 meters in total length; Wildlife tree plantings must encompass a minimum one hectare of land and not be established adjacent to inhabited farmyard sites.

Funding:

Rolls of plastic weed control barrier are provided free of charge to successful applicants who meet the eligibility criteria. Allotments of plastic mulch are distributed via PFRA District Offices where access to the applicator implement can be arranged at no charge. Trees are provided through the Shelterbelt Program.

Obligations:

Mulch supplied through the program is for use in establishment of AAFC-PFRA Shelterbelt Program trees. Shelterbelts cannot be moved or transplanted, removed, sold or harvested for wood.

Deadlines:

September 30, 2003

PRAIRIE FORAGE PROGRAM 2002

Agency and Contact:

Ducks Unlimited Canada, Regina office
P.O. Box 4465
1030 Winnipeg St.
Regina, SK
S4P 3W7
Phone: (306) 569-0424
Fax: (306) 565-3699

Program Description:

Ducks Unlimited Canada (Regina) is offering a program to assist producers who wish to convert cultivated land to perennial forage within the landform known as the Missouri Coteau. Upland nesting ducks are attracted to the cover provided by perennial forages as long as there are suitable wetlands nearby and nesting success is improved by modifying the land use.

Eligibility:

Eligible RM's are #'s: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 69, 70, 71, 100, 101, 102, 103, 131, 132, 133, 134, 163, 164, 165, 193, 194, 226, 255 and 256. Only lands where historical pintail duck production is greatest are eligible at this time. Minimum land parcel size is 40 acres. Land must be in close proximity to suitable wetlands.

Funding:

Financial assistance payable AFTER forage establishment confirmed. $25 per acre one-time payment on 10 - year pasture or hay agreement.

Obligations:

- The term of the agreement is 10 years.
- Forage can be used for either hay or pasture.
- Grazing to be deferred until July.
- If converted acres grazed prior to July, deferral required on alternate acreage.
- Haying must be deferred until AFTER July 10th.
- Smooth Brome and Crested Wheatgrass are NOT eligible grass species for this program due to their invasive nature.
- "On quarter" wetlands and existing natural areas will be maintained by having a " no break / no drain " clause for all lands in the agreement.
- Native rangeland that has been broken in the last 5 years will not qualify for this program.

Deadlines:

None

Target Areas:

Missouri Coteau

SOUTH-EAST PARKLAND FORAGE PROGRAM 2002

Agency and Contact:

Ducks Unlimited Canada, Regina office
P.O. Box 4465
1030 Winnipeg St.
Regina, SK
S4P 3W7
Phone: (306) 569-0424
Fax: (306) 565-3699

Program Description:

Ducks Unlimited Canada (Regina) is offering a program to assist producers who wish to convert cultivated land to perennial forage within the south-east parklands of Saskatchewan. Upland nesting ducks are attracted to the cover provided by perennial forages as long as there are suitable wetlands nearby and nesting success is improved by modifying the land use. Only lands where historical duck productions are greatest are eligible at this time.

Eligibility:

Eligible RM's are #'s: 31, 32, 33, 34, 61, 63, 65, 91, 92, 93, 94, 125, 126, 127, 157 & 158. Only lands where historical duck productions are greatest are eligible at this time. Minimum land parcel size is 40 acres. Land must be in close proximity to suitable wetlands.

Funding:

Financial assistance payable AFTER forage establishment confirmed. $15 per acre one-time payment for 10 year pasture agreement. $25 per acre one-time payment for 10 year hay agreement.

Obligations:

- The term of the agreement is 10 years.
- Forage can be used for either hay or pasture.
- Haying must be delayed until AFTER July 15th.
- Smooth Brome and Crested Wheatgrass are NOT eligible grass species for this program due to their invasive nature.
- "On quarter" wetlands and existing natural areas will be maintained by having a " no break / no drain " clause for all lands in the agreement.
- Native rangeland that has been broken in the last 5 years will not qualify for this program.

Deadlines:

None

Target Areas:

South-east parklands of Saskatchewan.

RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP

Agency and Contact:
Meewasin Valley Authority
402 Third Avenue South
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7K 3G5
Phone: (306) 665-6887
Fax: (306) 665-6117
Program Description:
Conservation of the South Saskatchewan River Valley through Saskatoon and Corman Park.

THE HOMESITE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:

Nature Saskatchewan – The Living By Water Project
206-1860 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9834
Fax: (306) 780-9263
Email: shorelines@naturesask.com
www.livingbywater.ca

Program Description:

A trained assessor will visit your home and provide customized tips and recommendations that will save you time and money while maintaining a healthy environment. Homesite Assessor Training Workshops are available to groups to train members of your group or community to conduct homesite assessments.

Eligibility:

Waterfront residents

Funding:

Living By Water

Obligations:

To take environmentally friendly actions when residing along shorelines to benefit the waterfront residents and wildlife.

Target Areas:

Shorelines

OPERATION BURROWING OWL

Agency and Contact:
Nature Saskatchewan – Operation Burrowing Owl
206-1860 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9273 or 1-800-667-4668 (SK Only)
Fax: (306) 780-9263
Email: obo@naturesask.com
www.naturesask.com

Program Description:
Launched in 1987, Operation Burrowing Owl (OBO) aims to conserve from cultivation and enhance Burrowing Owl habitat, monitor population changes, and increase awareness of the owl. In 2002, OBO will also work with landowners to identify and enhance habitat for Loggerhead Shrikes, in particular those landowners with nesting pairs. Benefits to participating landowners include a personalized Operation Burrowing Owl gate sign, an annual newsletter about Burrowing Owls and other grassland inhabitants, a non-binding 'hand-shake' agreement, and a healthy ecosystem that maintains a diversity of species.

Eligibility:
To join the program nesting pairs of owls must be present on the land or you must be a member of the habitat enhancement program. Members can continue to be part of the program as long as the habitat is maintained.

Funding:
Up to $10,000 per landowner to enhance and expand habitat for burrowing owls and loggerhead shrikes.

Obligations:
Landowners annually report the number of owls on their land.

Deadlines:
None

Target Areas:
Southern Saskatchewan

RARE PLANT RESCUE PROGRAM 2002

Agency and Contact:

Nature Saskatchewan
206-1860 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9268
Toll Free: 1-800-667-4668
Fax: (306) 780-9263
E-mail: rpr@naturesask.com
www.naturesask.com

Program Description:

The Rare Plant Rescue program is aimed at informing private landowners about rare and endangered plant species on their property and giving them information so they can make informed stewardship decisions about how to manage and protect these special plant species.

Eligibility:

Individuals that have targeted rare plant species (see target area) on their property

Target Areas:

Private land where the following rare species occur: Hairy Prairie Clover (*Dalea villosa* var. *villosa*), Sand Verbena (*Tripterocalyx micranthus*), Slender Mouse-Ear Cress (*Halimolobos virgata*), Small White Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium candidum*), Tiny Crypanthe (*Cryptantha minima*), and Western Spiderwort (*Tradescantia occidentalis*).

THE SHORELINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:
Nature Saskatchewan – The Living By Water Project
206-1860 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9834
Fax: (306) 780-9263
Email: shorelines@naturesask.com
www.livingbywater.ca

Program Description:
The Shoreline Ambassador Program is a cross-Canada effort to engage Canadians in taking action to restore and protect shorelines. Two checklists, a visitors and a residents checklist (also available on the website), outline simple actions that you can carry out in your home, along the shoreline, and on the water. Submit a checklist and you'll receive a Shoreline Ambassador Certificate acknowledging your commitment. The Shoreline Ambassador Program is also available to groups to deliver to their own members or as recognition of their own program.

Eligibility:
Everyone

Funding:
Living By Water

Obligations:
To take environmentally friendly actions when residing along or visiting shorelines.

Target Areas:
Shorelines

THE WORKSHOP-IN-A-BOX PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:

Nature Saskatchewan – The Living By Water Project
206-1860 Lorne Street
Regina, SK S4P 2L7
Phone: (306) 780-9834
Fax: (306) 780-9263
Email: shorelines@naturesask.com
www.livingbywater.ca

Program Description:

By attending a workshop modeled after our Workshop-in-a-Box Program, you'll learn: How to protect water quality and prevent erosion with a buffer strip of shoreline plants, tips on native plant and shoreline landscaping, ideas for handling shoreline erosion challenges, how to properly maintain your septic system, tips on building and maintaining your dock, and helpful contacts in your area. Workshop-in-a-Box is a portable tool kit that will be available in 2003 to help your group conduct interactive workshops that met the needs of permanent and seasonal shoreline residents in your community.

Eligibility:

Waterfront residents and waterfront groups

Funding

Living By Water

Obligations:

To attend the workshop to increase your knowledge about environmentally friendly actions that waterfront residents can take along shorelines.

Target Areas:

Shorelines

WATER WATCHDOG

Agency and Contact:

Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin
402 Third Avenue South
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7K 3G5
Toll Free: 1-800-567-80071
Phone: (306) 665-6887
Fax: (306) 665-6117
Email: partners@saskriverbasin.ca
http://www.saskriverbasin.ca

Program Description:

Water Watchdog is a hands-on watershed stewardship project for youth (ages 7 – 14) that will increase understanding about water quality and water management issues in the Saskatchewan River Basin and throughout the Prairie Provinces.

The project provides an interactive and fun approach to watershed stewardship and empowers participants with the knowledge and skills to be better stewards of our water resources.

Water Watchdog offers a "ready to go" package that incorporates an interactive and fun approach to learning. Participants receive a Water Watchdog kit containing the materials and information needed to test for basic water quality parameters including physical, biological, cultural and chemical data. Youth will learn how to assess the quality of the water in streams, rivers and lakes in their communities through simple non-hazardous testing methods, identification of macroinvertebrates and the assessment of riparian areas. Participants are encouraged to think about and implement stewardship and water conservation activities in their daily lives as a follow up to their water monitoring experiences.

Eligibility:

This unique hands-on project offers an affordable "ready to go" resource package that can be delivered by people with little or no experience in water monitoring or environmental issues. This project provides an opportunity for participants to become actively involved in watershed stewardship activities in their own communities. Water Watchdog appeals to many different audiences including families, schools, youth groups and community groups.

Funding:

With support from a variety of funding agencies, kits will be available free of charge in spring 2003 to youth focussed groups and schools in rural Saskatchewan and rural Alberta communities, as well as a number of urban communities. Kits will be provided on a first come first served basis, and restricted to a maximum of 25 children per group. Participating groups will be asked to commit to providing evaluation and data following the completion of the program. Contact PFRSB for details and application forms. Kits can also be purchased at a nominal fee of $10.00 per kit (sufficient supplies for 5 children).

Obligations:

Each kit contains an evaluation form for Leaders and report cards for children to submit their findings by mail. Information can also be entered online at the Water Watchdog website. This information will be compiled in a database and posted to our website, enabling participants to view findings obtained from different locations.

Deadlines:

The project is available until September 2003, or until kits have been distributed.

Target Areas:

This program is appropriate for use throughout the Prairie Provinces.

CONSERVATION COVER PROGRAM

Agency and Contact Information:
Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization
Financial Programs Branch
3085 Albert Street
Regina SK S4S 0B1
Toll Free: 1-877-874-5365
Fax: (306) 787-2366

Program Description:
The Conservation Cover Program (CCP) is a four-year, $26 million initiative of the Government of Saskatchewan that will contribute to the cost of converting crop land to perennial cover. The establishment of increased perennial cover will promote land stewardship and help address issues related to soil conservation, protecting water resources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving Saskatchewan's biodiversity. Producers planning to convert land to from annual crop production to perennial cover can receive funding to assist with the conversion costs through the CCP.

Eligibility:
Saskatchewan residents, 18 years of age or older, who are farm operators (actively participating in day-to-day management and operations, and sharing in the profits and losses of the farm operation), and who file income tax which declares farming income in Saskatchewan.

Funding:
The program will offer a payment of up to $15 per acre to a maximum of 50 acres (5 acre minimum).

Obligations:
The crop land being converted must have been in annual cropping or summerfallow the year prior to application to the program.

There is no restriction of the perennial species established or future land use. However, a minimum seed standard of Canada Common No. 1 (or better) is required for perennial species seeded. Original receipts must be provided.

If producers are using their own seed, they must provide an equivalent grade to Canada Common No. 1 (or better) that is verified by an accredited seed laboratory (seed analysis must be included with the application).

Deadlines:
October 31 of each program year. The program will be in effect until 2004/2005.

GREEN CERTIFICATE FARM TRAINING PROGRAM

Agency and contact:

Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization
Jim Birch
Human Resource Development Specialist
Room 129 - 3085 Albert Street
Regina, Sask,
S4S 0B1
Phone: (306) 787-8191
Fax: (306) 787-9297
Or
Lyle Selinger
Human Resource Development Consultant
Humboldt Rural Service Centre
Box 660
Humboldt, Saskatchewan
S0K 2A0
Phone: (306) 682-6722
Fax: (306) 682-6776
Website: www.agr.gov.sk.ca

Program Description:

In cooperation with industry players, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization, Livestock Development Branch, administers an apprenticeship style, on-farm skill training program called the Green Certificate Program. This program has been adopted from Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development where it has been running since 1975. Trainees can acquire skills in one of several agricultural sectors, including feedlot, cow/calf, dairy, sheep, swine, crop, irrigated crop production, and aerial application. Three levels of training are available in each area covering skills for technicians, production supervisors, and managers/owners. Program training starts at the Technician Level and, where desired, progresses to Supervisor and on to Business Manager. This program provides practical, hands-on training curriculum for agriculture in Saskatchewan.

Eligibility:

Applicants can apply by filling out an application available at the offices listed above or see the website for more details www.agr.gov.sk.ca

Funding:

Funding for the program is provided by Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization. This funding provides administration and training tools such as curriculums, books, and certification. Current resource materials used are the ones produced by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

Obligations:

Participants agree to:

- obtain all the necessary information and resources to complete the training process
- actively plan and carry out all the necessary on-the-job instruction and/or learning
- seek and utilize all available materials, resources, and courses to increase skills and knowledge
- regularly assess competence according to the training objectives outlined in the curriculum
- participate in regular program testing sessions

CONSERVATION INFORMATION LINE

Agency and Contact Information:
Vivian Barkman
Energy Development and Climate Change
Saskatchewan Industry and Resources
2101 Scarth Street
Regina, SK
S4P 3V7

Program Description:
The objective of the line is to provide residents with one-stop shopping for information and to promote the wise use of energy. Saskatchewan Industry and Resources operates a toll-free phone line that provides energy conservation/efficiency information to residents of the Province. The line also provides information and brochures from Natural Resources Canada and other sources. Some specific client consultation is provided.

Eligibility:
Saskatchewan residents and anyone interested in receiving more information.

Funding:
No funding available, but may provide information about funding opportunities through other agencies.

Target Areas:
Saskatchewan

SOIL CONSERVATION EXTENSION PROGRAM

Agency and Contact Information

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association
Box 1360
Indian Head, SK S0G 2K0
Phone: (306) 695-4236
Fax: (306) 695-4236
Email: info@ssca

Program Description:

To deliver extension activities and to provide technical support to landowners on soil conservation practices.

PRAIRIE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Tom Harrison
101-2022 Cornwall St
Regina, SK
S4P 2K5
Phone: (306) 787-0726
Fax: (306) 787-0780
Email: tom.harrison@swa.ca

Program Description:

The goal of he Prairie Stewardship Program is to encourage landowners to conserve and manage native grasslands and riparian areas in Saskatchewan. Landowners can participate in the program by making a verbal agreement to 1) Maintain and protect these areas to the best of their ability 2) Notify SWA of any planned land use change that might impact these areas and 3) Notify SWA of any intent to sell or transfer ownership of the areas under the agreement. Some landowners may qualify to receive assistance for demonstration projects that use management practices to improve or maintain the condition of their land. Landowners participating in demonstrations projects sign a written 10-year agreement.

Eligibility:

Anyone who owns/manages native prairie and/or riparian areas is eligible.

Funding:

Funding for demonstrations projects varies from year to year. Please contact the SWA Regina office for more information.

Obligations:

Uphold the verbal agreement as long as it is in place. Demonstration project participants are obligated to uphold the signed agreement for a minimum of 10 years.

Deadlines:

Varies from year to year. Please contact the SWA Regina office for more information.

Target Area:

Varies from year to year. Please contact the SWA Regina office for more information.

PRAIRIE WATER CARE

Agency and Contact:
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Jody Oliver
101-2022 Cornwall Street
Regina, SK
S4P 2K5
Phone: (306) 535-9760
Fax: (306) 787-0780
Email: jody.oliver@swa.ca

Program Description:
Prairie Water Care is an educational, hands on program for volunteers interested in learning about water quality issues in their local watersheds. The program provides awareness, education and an opportunity for local communities, producers and government agencies to work together towards a common goal of ensuring the health of our watersheds.

Eligibility:
Landowners, local community associations, cottage owners, 4-H groups, students and anyone else that is interested. Participants are encouraged to develop watershed stewardship groups in their community to monitor water quality, assess watershed health and promote sustainable land management practices.

Funding:
Water quality monitoring kits are provided through the program and lab fees for testing are covered by Saskatchewan Environment.

Obligations:
Participants are required to monitor water quality regularly- 1 per month to 1 every six weeks.

Target Areas:
Lakes, rivers, creeks and streams in Saskatchewan.

RURAL WATER QUALITY ADVISORY PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:
Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Regional Offices:

Nipawin Regional
Box 2133
201 – 1st Ave. E.
Nipawin, SK S0E 1E0
Phone: (306) 862-1750
Fax: (306) 862-1771

Weyburn Regional
Box 2003
3rd Floor, Weyburn Square
110 Souris Ave.
Weyburn, SK S4H 2Z9
Phone: (306) 848-2345
Fax: (306) 848-2356

Yorkton Regional
2nd Floor, 120 Smith St. E.
Yorkton, SK S3N 3V3
Phone: (306) 786-1490
Fax: (306) 786-1495

North Battleford Regional
402 Royal Bank Tower
1101 – 101st St.
North Battleford, SK S9A 0Z5
Phone: (306) 446-7450
Fax: (306) 446-7461

Swift Current Regional
Box 5000
3rd Floor, E.I. Wood Building
350 Cheadle St. W.
Swift Current, SK S9H 4G3
Phone: (306) 778-8257
Fax: (306) 778-8271

Program Description:
Sask Water's Rural Water Quality Advisory Program – which has provided assistance to more than 1000 clients since its launch in November 1997 – is aimed at small system water users coping with poor quality water and ineffective treatment systems. For a fee of $100 plus GST, trained Saskatchewan Watershed Authority technicians will complete an on-site sampling of a client's water source, ship the refrigerated samples to a certified laboratory within 24 hours for a comprehensive analysis, and then follow up by providing the client with a copy of the analysis and written advice on any health and aesthetic implications. Advice is also offered on the most suitable treatment process available to elevate the client's water quality to an acceptable standard, as well as ways for clients to improve or preserve the quality of water in their wells, dugouts and reservoirs.

Eligibility:
The service is available to farmers, ranchers, acreage owners and northern outfitters. In fact, anyone relying on a private water supply, including residents of trailer courts, villages and hamlets, is eligible under the program.

COUNTRYSIDE CANADA

Agency and Contact:

Wildlife Habitat Canada
Lyn McIntyre
7 Hinton Ave. N. - Suite 200
Ottawa, Ontario
K1Y 4P1
Phone: (613) 722-2090
Fax: (613) 722-3318
Toll Free: 1-800-669-7919
Email: lmcintyre@whc.org
Website: http://www.countrysidecanada.com

Program Description:

Countryside Canada uses the following four-step approach to meet its objectives: Establishment of a benchmark of the current level of knowledge and the conservation practices carried out by landowners in the agricultural sector; Recognition of exemplary private land stewardship practices; Communication and promotion of these best practices; and evaluation, after 3 years, to determine the success of Countryside Canada.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Agency and Contact:

Wildlife Habitat Canada
Lyn McIntyre
7 Hinton Ave. N. - Suite 200
Ottawa, Ontario
K1Y 4P1
Phone: (613) 722-2090
Fax: (613) 722-3318
Toll Free: 1-800-669-7919
Email: lmcintyre@whc.org
Website: http://www.countrysidecanada.com

Program Description:

The program's objectives are as follows: To promote good forest stewardship; To instill a sense of pride in the accomplishments of forest workers and stewards; To encourage innovative "on-the-ground" forest biodiversity conservation practices; and to raise public awareness of forest biodiversity conservation and stewardship efforts in Canada.